AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled) -12 (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) An aircraft wheel assembly including an axle housing means for sensing wheel speed, one end of the axle being covered by a cap member, the cap member comprising a generally cup-like body having an end wall, a side wall ~~towards the free end of the axle~~ and means for driving the wheel speed sensing means, the side wall of the body having at least one stiffening formation arranged to influence the flow of air around the exposed exterior of the cap member in motion ~~flight~~ whereby to reduce the level of noise generated.

14. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 13, wherein the at least one formation comprises a rib or fin on the side wall of the cup-like body.

15. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to Claim 13, wherein at least one formation extends from the end wall to an open end of the cup-like body and increases ~~increase~~ in thickness from the end wall to ~~towards~~ the open end.

16. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 13, wherein at least one formation is hollow.

17. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 13, wherein there is a plurality of said surface formations and said formations are spaced substantially evenly about the cap member.

18. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 13, wherein the cup-like body tapers radially outwardly away from the end wall.

19. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 13, wherein the axle protrudes beyond a wheel rim of a wheel of the wheel assembly.

20. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to Claim 13, wherein the assembly is a main wheel assembly incorporating tire ~~tyre~~ pressure sensing means and the cap member includes means for mounting said tire ~~tyre~~ pressure sensing means.

21. (Previously Presented) An aircraft incorporating at least one wheel assembly according to Claim 13.

22. (Currently Amended) A hubcap for an aircraft wheel assembly which has an axle housing means for sensing wheel speed and means for sensing tire pressure, the hub cap comprising a generally cup-like body having an end wall and a side wall, the body having a mouth and a flange at said mouth for engagement with clamping means by which the hub cap is fixed over ~~on to~~ a free end of the axle and a slot extending from the flange into the side wall of the body to receive components of the means for sensing ~~t ire~~ tire pressure, the inner surface of the end wall having formations for engagement with the wheel speed sensing means, the hubcap having ribs being spaced about the exterior of the side wall of the body to influence the flow of

air around the exposed exterior of the hubcap in motion whereby to reduce the level of noise generated.

23. (Previously Presented) A hubcap according to Claim 22, wherein said ribs are hollow.

24. (Previously Presented) A hubcap according to Claim 22, wherein the side wall of the body flares radially outwardly away from the end wall to the flange.